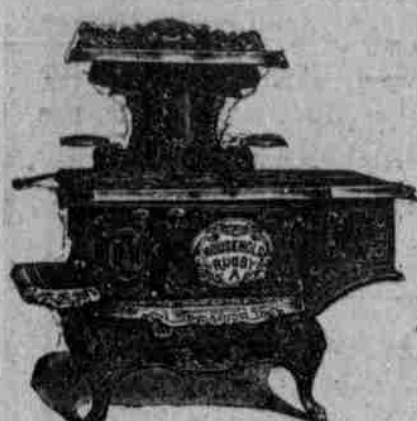


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## ABOUT THE STATE.

Items of Interest Gleaned From Our

Exchanges.

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Dorman of

Craftsbury celebrated their golden wed-

ding anniversary Wednesday.

Dr. Lyman Allen of Burlington, who

has been passing a short vacation at

Chateaugay lake, is now in Boston

where he has opened an office for

stones. The operation was successful

and he is convalescing favorably.

The contract for the construction of

the Randolph sewer system has been

awarded by the village trustees to W. S.

Teachout of Essex Junction whose bid

was \$11,444. The contract includes the

excavating, laying pipe and back filling

but does not include tile, manhole caps,

lamphole caps or flushing apparatus.

The work on the system will commence

as soon as the material arrives.

Frederick V. Rand of Malone and a

member of the class of 1908 in the Uni-

versity of Vermont, has been appointed

an instructor in the science department.

The work will be principally botanical

laboratory work, of which he has made

a special study. Mr. Rand is spending

the summer in Malone and upon his re-

turn to the university in September for

his junior year he will take up the du-

ties of the instructorship in addition to

his regular college work.

The committee of the Vermont State

Bar association, appointed by President

H. Henry Powers at the annual meet-

ing in Montpelier, October 24 last, to

consider the propriety of a change in

the judiciary system of the State, has

prepared its report in the form of a bill

to be introduced at the coming session

of the legislature. The bill provides for

a supreme court of five judges to sit as

a court of appeals and a circuit court

of five judges to hold county courts in

connection with the assistant judges now

elected by each county. It leaves in

blank to be filled the salaries of the

judges, but provides that they shall not

demand or receive any fee. The com-

mittee of the bar association is com-

posed of Col. Alfred A. Hall of St. Al-

bans, J. E. Cushman of Burlington, John

H. Senter of Montpelier, W. B. C. Stick-

ney of Bethel, T. W. Moloney of Rut-

land, Clarke C. Fitts of Brattleboro, and

John Young of Newport.

Rededication of Bennington Church.

Services in connection with the cen-

tenal in the dedication of the First

Church of Christ at Bennington Center,

which were opened Sunday, were con-

cluded Monday afternoon, when most of

the exercises carried out at the original

dedication of the church January 1, 1806,

were followed. The order of exercises

included dedicatory sermon preached by

the Rev. Daniel March, pastor of the

church when it was dedicated. There

was a call for the roll of the church

at the time it was dedicated, and re-

sponses were made by the descendants of

former holders or proprietors of the

pews in the church. After this there

was a roll call of the members of the

church at the beginning of 1862, to

which there were a number of responses.

The services were closed with a recep-

tion at which there was a general hand-

shaking and revival of reminiscences.

Hostile to Mail Order Houses.

The circle of business interests ad-

versely affected by mail order houses is

widening. These houses now propose to

extend their operations to banking. Chi-

cago advises state that country bank-

ers are greatly disturbed over a recent de-

velopment which threatens to sap their

vitality. They have learned that the

rural sections of the central West have

been circled by mail order houses

requesting the opening of deposit ac-

counts, offering to pay as high as 6 per

cent interest and to furnish certificates

for such deposits payable on demand.

The circulars are not only sent to farm-

ers, but also to workmen in towns and

villages, thus taking in a very large

part of the income-producing popula-

tion.

The purpose of the scheme is plainly

to increase the sale of merchandise, as

the depositor is advised that he can

make purchases against his bank ac-

count and have the charges deducted

from the amount of his deposits. The

plan is now in use by some of the

department stores in large cities, and

has evidently been found effective in

stimulating business. The high interest

which is held out as an inducement

would hardly be paid if the mail order

house was simply adding a banking de-

partment, but it is expected to be easily

borne out of the profits accruing from

the sales of goods to those having run-

ning accounts. The resentment of

country bankers against this invasion

of their field of operations is said to be

so great that they are actively seeking

for some practical method of heading it

off. Retailers of merchandise and the

manufacturers, who have increasingly

felt the withering competition of the

mail order houses operating in their ter-

ritory, will be greatly interested in ob-

serving what degree of success will at-

tend the efforts of the bankers. Much

rejoicing would be occasioned if the mail

order houses in practicing for still greater

business advantages should antagonize

interests capable of effective opposition

and perhaps damaging retaliations.—

From the Iron Age.

## ADDITION COUNTY FAIR.

The 62nd Annual Exhibition to Be Given

Next Week—The Features.

Middlebury, Aug. 24.—The 62nd an-

nual fair of the Addison County Agri-

cultural society will begin here next

Tuesday and will continue through four

days, August 28, 29, 30, 31. This will be

the earliest fair this year in Vermont

and probably in New England. Noth-

ing is lacking for a splendid and most

successful fair except the proper kind of

weather. That guaranteed, the fair will

be the greatest success in the long his-

tory of successful Addison county fairs.

The management of the society with

Secretary Fred L. Hamilton of Salis-

bury at the helm, issued the book of

the fair. It is a fine specimen of the

engraver's and printer's art and the

letter press shows very skillful work

on the part of Secretary Hamilton.

Since the fair last year many improve-

ments have been made on and about the

grounds. Among these is the doubling

of the seating capacity of the grand

stand, so that it will now accommodate

about 5,000 people comfortably, and

with all necessary conveniences, includ-

ing a press booth. The race track has

also been put in the best possible shape

and a driveway has been built around it

so that teams can have full swing dur-

ing the races.

The general premiums have been large-

ly increased and there will be \$200 in

prizes for the races, with an entrance

fee of five per cent, and nothing addi-

tional from winners, as in former years.

There will be nine classes of races,

viz: Class 1, green trotters, bred or

owned in Addison county, purse \$150;

class 2, green pacers, purse \$150;

class 3, "peg" race, purse \$50; class 4,

2:45 trot, purse \$100; class 5, 2:35 trot,

purse \$200; class 6, 2:34 pace, purse

\$250; class 7, 2:32 trot, purse \$250;

class 8, 2:18 pace, purse \$300; class 9,

2:10 pace and free-for-all trot, purse

\$300. It is confidently expected that the

field of races here will be the largest by

far ever seen in this track. Among the

illustrations in the book are many cov-

ering past events of the grounds and

scenes at last year's fair with pictures

of some of the prize winners, and a

somewhat humorous one of "Fakirs"

and "Somers."

## WILLIAM AS A VISITOR.

The Way He Would Carry Himself If

He Should Come to See Us.

Emperor William is a much more easy

going man than you would expect. I can

speak from experience, for during the

only visit which the Kaiser paid to Paris

I was with him throughout his entire

stay. It was in 1878. He came to

Paris with his master of the household,

Col. Von Liebenau, and his aide-de-camp,

Lieut. (now Gen.) Von Jacobi, and in

order to visit the Invalides and Versailles

the Louvre and the Luxembourg, went up

with us in the captive balloon from the

Place du Carrousel, witnessed the per-

formance of Victor Hugo's "Hernani" at

the Theatre, with Sarah Bernhardt in

the role of Dona Sol, and attended a

very charming entertainment given in

his honor and in that of his brother-

in-law and sister, the hereditary duke

and duchess of Saxe-Meiningen, then on

their honeymoon, at Bagatelle, in the

Bois du Boulogne, by the late Sir Rich-

ard Wallace. The distinguishing trait of

the Kaiser's visit was his perfect com-

fort and ease. He was everywhere, and

everywhere he was at home. He was

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